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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady in the East, but steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to moderate with best interest for features and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, but overall at least sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair to moderate. Wings were in good balance to tight and moving best, particularly larger sizes. Breast items were adequate to well cleared, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 76.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.25 cents last year on March 15, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	200.00
BREASTS - B/S	159.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.00
LEG QUARTERS	42.50
WINGS	134.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with limited feature activity. Food service was also light to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Wings were balanced to short and moving well, and dark meat items were mostly sufficient. Breast items were in good supply to well cleared and clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive for midweek trading. Offerings were at least adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items, and tenders were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were about adequate to closely cleared with the larger sizes in the best position.

MIDWEST REGION The whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment remains steady. Offerings of whole fryers were light to adequate for the mixed interest. Fill in trading was noted on 3 up wogs into Ohio at 74 cents delivered. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate with best movement into promotions and fast food outlets. Floor stocks were balanced to long with buyers purchasing to fill immediate needs only. Weights were mostly desirable to instances light. Supplies of most parts were adequate to in close balance except wings, which were tight. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and generally steady on remaining part items.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was overall steady. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Buying activity was light. Retailer demand light to moderate. Floor stocks were in fair balance with current needs. The market tone was mainly steady on parts.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES **DOWN 1 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 10, 2007. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED **DOWN 1 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 10, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through March 10, 2007 were 1.72 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL **19 SELECTED STATES**

<u>TO CORRECTED STATE</u>			<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
WEEK ENDING 03/10/07	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	215,215	216,768	-01
CHICKS PLACED	174,744	175,801	-01

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 21-Apr-07 is estimated at 160.3 million head. This compares to 159.1 million head the previous week and to 164.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 58.64 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	652	142.00-219.00	-	154.23	BREAST - B/S	667	140.00-220.00	-	149.21
TENDERLOINS	273	169.00-237.00	-	185.21	TENDERLOINS	198	169.00-239.00	175-180	181.07
BREAST - LINE RUN	125	99.00-107.00	102-105	103.12	BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	189	52.00-62.00	56	56.34	LEGS	195	55.00-62.00	56	56.85
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	598	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.33	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	586	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	724	38.00-44.00	42-43	42.07	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	734	39.00-44.00	42-43	42.13
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	108.00-132.00	111-115	115.93	WINGS (WHOLE)	86	106.00-132.00	-	116.19
WINGS (CUT)	280	129.00-149.00	131-136	136.66	WINGS (CUT)	395	126.00-149.00	-	131.27
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR —					F.O.B. DOCK.	RANGE		TODAY'S	5-DAY
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		AVERAGE		AVERAGE
64.50 - 68.50		67.13			64.50 - 69.50		67.12		66.08

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items and tenders were adequate to well cleared; dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Wings were about adequate to tight with the larger sizes in the better balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone for wings was fully steady to instances firm; the balance of items were at least steady to fully steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	154.45	726,247
TENDERLOINS	180	175.94	183,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	105.89	119,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.50	90,000
LEGS	56-57	56.88	233,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	40.38	310,080
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	54.27	80,320
THIGHS	51-52	55.72	81,800
B/S THIGHS	110-111	111.66	57,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	122.95	123,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.14	26,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.91	14,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.41	33,200

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	151.96	663,486
TENDERLOINS	180	178.02	107,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	112.41	51,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.56	86,400
LEGS	56-57	56.25	302,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	40.66	178,240
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	51.58	95,000
THIGHS	51-52	56.80	61,080
B/S THIGHS	110-111	110.88	49,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	123.95	153,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.77	27,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.54	7,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.66	21,640

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	03/14	03/13	03/12	03/09	03/07
Alabama	3,766	3,913	3,815	3,380	5.48
Arkansas	5,139	5,257	5,121	4,847	5.23
Delmarva	2,196	2,031	2,226	2,117	5.74
KY-LA-TN	2,044	2,332	2,324	2,252	5.17
Mississippi	2,947	3,016	2,770	2,753	5.72
N Carolina	2,590	2,714	2,515	2,691	6.95
Texas	2,460	2,456	2,496	2,417	5.18
Total	21,142	21,719	21,267	20,457	5.58
Mon-Wed	64,641(A)				64,453(A)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
	DRY PACK	110-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
DUCKS		185-195

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Mar-07 is estimated to be 31,631,000 head down 0.91 percent from a week ago and down -2.15 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,921,000, last year 32,326,000)

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-07

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/17/07 (1)	03/10/07
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	161,099 (2)	159,281
Light hens	1,315	1,300
Heavy hens	1,257	1,382
Total	163,671	161,963

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Mar-07 is 161.6 million head compared to 164.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.4 million head or 0.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 24-Mar-07 the estimated available is 161.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 03/12/07	71,956	53,060
AM 03/01/07	69,187	54,570
CHG	2,769	-1,510
PCT CHG	4	-3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/12/07	03/05/07	03/13/06	03/12/07	03/05/07	03/13/06
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,210	2,090	1,568	7,124	7,432	7,141
LOS ANGELES	140	140	34	2,007	2,007	3,427

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2007

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-88

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 03/13/07

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.10	1.85	1.68	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.85	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	8.50	9.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.15	1.55	1.35	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	5.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	6.50	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	1.85	1.66	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.25	7.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	9.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	3.25	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	113						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending March 9, 2007

	Whole	Legs	Necks,Backs	Livers
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings Gizzards Hens
RAYON				
Low	59.24	147.08	69.45	12.26 8.17 59.24
High	64.14	159.33	73.54	16.34 12.26 59.24
Mostly	64.14	155.25	73.54	16.34 8.17 59.24
SAN JUAN				
Low	57.20	151.16	69.45	12.26 12.26 59.24
High	63.73	155.25	77.62	20.43 16.34 59.24
Mostly	63.73	151.16	73.54	16.34 12.26 59.24
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	58.83	151.16	73.54	12.26 12.26 61.28
High	65.37	159.33	85.80	24.51 16.34 61.28
Mostly	65.37	155.25	77.62	20.43 12.26 61.28
BECERRA				
Low	61.28	155.25	77.62	16.34 16.34 65.37
High	65.37	159.33	89.88	24.51 20.43 65.37
Mostly	65.37	155.25	85.80	24.51 16.34 65.37

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate for midweek business. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for present trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were noted as moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower at 77 to 86 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, wings remained balanced to tight with the larger sizes in the best position. Breast items and tenders were adequate to well cleared and dark meat was generally sufficient.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

64-88
(A)
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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